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In re application of
Noriyuki Abe et al.
Application No. 10/567,435
Filed: November 30, 2006
For: HYBRID VEHICLE

: DECISION ON REQUEST TO
: PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT
: PROGRAM AND PETITION
: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
: 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed January 3, 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

- (1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
- (2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
- (4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
- (5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the Office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
- (7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition fail to include:

(5) a copy of all the Office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate.

The request and petition includes an English translation of the May 17, 2006 Office action issued in the Japanese application; however, a copy of the Japanese Office action itself was not included.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Response must be submitted by EFS-Web using the document description "Petition to make special under Pat Pros Hwy".

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Teri P. Luu at 571-272-7045. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.



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